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6 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
7 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

8 AFSHIN BAHRAMPOUR, et al.,) Case No. 2:16-cv-01334-GMN-NJK
9 Plaintiff(s),)
10 vs.) **ORDER**
11 DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE)
et al.,) (Docket No. 1)
12 Defendant(s).)
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14 Pending before the Court is Plaintiff Bahrampour's application for authority pursuant to 28 U.S.C.
15 § 1915 to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Docket No. 1. As a general rule, to initiate a civil action, a plaintiff
16 must submit either a filing fee or an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a);
17 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1). "Where there are multiple plaintiffs in a single action, the plaintiffs may not
18 proceed *in forma pauperis* unless all of them demonstrate inability to pay the filing fee." *Darden v.*
19 *Indymac Bancorp, Inc.*, 2009 WL 5206637, *1 (E.D. Cal. Dec. 23, 2009); *see also Anderson v. California*,
20 2010 WL 4316996, *1 (S.D. Cal. Oct. 27, 2010) ("although only one filing fee needs to be paid per case,
21 if multiple plaintiffs seek to proceed *in forma pauperis*, each plaintiff must qualify for IFP status").

22 In this case, only Plaintiff Bahrampour has provided an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*.
23 *See* Docket No. 1. As not all Plaintiffs have submitted applications to proceed *in forma pauperis*, the
24 Court lacks sufficient information regarding each Plaintiff to make a determination as to their financial
25 status. Accordingly, the application to proceed *in forma paupueris* is deficient.

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1 Based on the foregoing, **IT IS ORDERED** that:

2 1. Plaintiff Bahrampour's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* is hereby **DENIED**
3 without prejudice.

4 2. Each Plaintiff shall file a renewed application to proceed *in forma pauperis* on the correct
5 form.

6 3. The Clerk's Office shall send Plaintiffs three blank *in forma pauperis* application forms
7 with instructions.

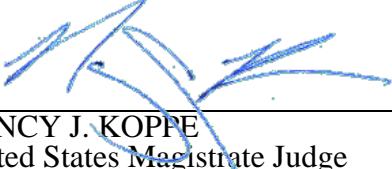
8 4. In the alternative, Plaintiffs shall make the necessary arrangements to pay the filing fee of
9 \$400, accompanied by a copy of this Order.

10 5. Plaintiffs must comply with this order no later than August 22, 2016.

11 6. Failure to comply will result in a recommendation to the district judge for dismissal of this
12 action without prejudice.

13 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

14 Dated: July 20, 2016

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16 NANCY J. KOPPE
17 United States Magistrate Judge